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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

*Election/Restriction*

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

I. Claims 5-8, drawn to an isolated protease-activated receptor 3, a substantially pure protein, and a substantially pure polypeptide, classified in Class 530, subclass 350.

II. Claims 13-15, drawn to a method of testing a candidate compound for agonist, and a method of testing a candidate compound for antagonist, classified in Class 435, subclass 7.21.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons.

The products of any one of the inventions of I, and the processes of invention II are related as product and process of use. The inventions can be shown to be distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) the process for using the product as claimed can be practiced with another materially different product or (2) the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process of using that product (MPEP § 806.05(h)). In the instant case, the products of can be used to raise antibodies.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their different classifications and recognized divergent subject

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matter, and the search required for any one of inventions I-II is not required for any other invention I-II, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a diligently-filed petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h).

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Pak, whose telephone number is (703) 305-7038. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yvonne Eyler, can be reached on (703) 308-6564.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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